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DATE: February 16, 2009

TO: All Local Health Departments
Attn: Chief Food Specialist

FROM: A. Scott Gilliam, MBA, CP-FS
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SUBJECT: Dr. Melina Inc.-Peanut Recall

SUGGESTED ACTION: Peanut Recall; Due to Salmonella typhimurium; Recommend notification of affected stores via phone, fax or e-mail.

From the information provided by FDA, the recalled products were distributed in the State of Indiana. The Chocolate Peanut bars were distributed nationwide on Amazon.com, and are also sold in Whole Foods Markets and other grocery or convenience stores in the San Francisco Bay Area. Detail information is not available at this time. In addition, if any recalled product is found, please notify this office at 317-233-7360.

Dr. Melina Inc. Recalls Chocolate Peanut Protein Bars Because of Possible Health Risk

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE --San Francisco -- February 13, 2009 --- Dr. Melina Inc., based in San Francisco, is recalling its Chocolate Peanut flavor Protein Bars, because it has determined that the peanut pieces and/or halves used originated in Peanut Corporation of America's Blakely, Georgia, processing plant. The bars are manufactured by Creative Energy Foods of Oakland, California. CEF used peanut products purchased from Bryco Nut & Bakery Supply of San Leandro, California, and was not informed by that company until Feb. 11th that it had bought the peanuts from PCA. No illnesses resulting from ingestion of Dr. Melina Chocolate Peanut Protein Bars have been reported.

The Chocolate Peanut bars were distributed nationwide on Amazon.com, and are also sold in Whole Foods Markets and other grocery or convenience stores in the San Francisco Bay Area.

The bars can be identified by the "Best By" date of 092409, and are sold individually (UPC 99115 00101) and in boxes of 15 (UPC 99115 00104). Pictures of the bars can be found online at <http://www.amazon.com/Dr-Melina-Protein-Chocolate-1-58-Ounce/dp/B000V71OMK>.

PCA recalled its peanut products because of a Salmonella contamination that has sickened 600 and may have killed nine (Reuters). Salmonella is a bacterial organism, which can cause serious and sometimes fatal infections in young children, frail or elderly people, and others with weakened immune systems. Healthy persons infected with Salmonella often experience fever, diarrhea (which may be bloody), nausea, vomiting and abdominal pain. In rare circumstances, infection with Salmonella can result in the organism getting into the bloodstream and producing more severe illnesses such as arterial infections (i.e., infected aneurysms), endocarditis and arthritis.

Consumers with questions should contact Ginger Bisharat, Assistant to Dr Melina Jampolis, at 415-885-6474 or ginger@drmelina.com.

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